

Claims

*Sub A* 1. A lock apparatus for a hand stamping device having an actuator frame slidable

relative to a base frame to present a stamp platen residing in a frame cavity to a window in the base frame, said lock apparatus including the combination of:

locking heads having upstanding anchor walls protruding from a back wall such

5 that the anchor walls of one locking head receive such an actuator frame and the anchor walls of the other locking head extend in such a frame cavity to prevent access to such a stamp platen;

struts for connecting said locking heads in a space apart relation with said anchor walls extending toward each other for receiving such a hand stamping device there between; and

10 a lock for interlocking said locking heads in a spaced apart relation between said struts.

2. The lock apparatus according to claim 1 further including releasably

interconnecting tab and slot connectors carried by one of said locking heads and one of said struts.

3. The lock apparatus according to claim 1 further including releasably interconnecting tab and slot connectors carried by one of said locking heads and one of said struts for receiving said lock.

4. The lock apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said struts are integral with one of said locking heads.

5. The lock apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said anchor walls extend in a parallel spaced apart relation from one of said locking heads.

6. The lock apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said anchor walls extend in a converging angler relation from one of said locking heads.

~~Sub a2~~ 7. The lock apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the anchor walls of said one locking head have an extending length for protruding into such a frame cavity a distance sufficient to prevent movement of such a stamp platen.

8. The lock apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said anchor walls extend in a parallel spaced apart relation from the other of said locking heads.

~~Sub a3~~ 9. The lock apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said back wall of said other locking head is defined by a length and width substantially corresponding to a length and width of such a window in the base frame.

10. The lock apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said back wall of said other locking head is defined by a length and width substantially corresponding to a length and width of such a window in the base frame and wherein the anchor walls of said one locking head have an extending length for protruding into such a frame cavity a distance sufficient to prevent movement of such a stamp platen.